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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ALASKA AIRLINES CHARTERS

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1. SUBSEQUENT TO TRANSMITTAL REFTEL, ALASKA RECEIVED CABLE FROM AEROFLOT WHICH APPEARED TO CONFIRM THAT AEROFLOT STILL EXPECTING SHARE THE 1973 PROGRAM AND STATED THAT " AEROFLOT CHARTER DEMAND WILL BE DIRECTED TO CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (SIC) USA IN NEAREST FUTURE." (NO SUCH " DEMAND" HAS SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.) ON APRIL 27, ALASKA CABLED MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION, AEROFLOT, AND INTOURIST THAT IT WAS CANCELLING THE 1973 PROGRAM " BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR 1973... PROGRAM FOR ALL FLIGHTS."

2. ALASKA HAS HEARD NOTHING IN REPLY TO THIS LAST MESSAGE, BUT THE AIRLINE APPARENTLY STILL REFUSING TO BITE THE BULLET AND STILL HOPING THAT ITS APRIL 27 ANNOUNCEMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANCELLATION WILL EVOKE A GRUDGING OKAY FROM SOVIETS TO
PROCEED WITH PROGRAM AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

3. AT ALASKA' S REQUEST WE AGREED CONTACT EMBASSY MOSCOW
IN HOPES YOU ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN (PERHAPS AS FOLLOW- UP TO
NOTE SENT AS RESULT REFTEL) SOME INDICATION - FORMAL OR
OTHERWISE - WHETHER CASE IS CLOSED IN SOVIET EYES OR WHETH-
ER THERE ANY VALUE IN ALASKA CONTINUING TO HOPE TO BE
ABLE TO OPERATE WHOLE PROGRAM ITSELF THIS SUMMER. (WHILE
ALASKA' S " DEADLINES" AND " CANCELLATIONS" CLEARLY HAVE
PROVEN SOMEWHAT ELASTIC, THERE JUST AS CLEARLY ARE LEGIT-
IMATE PRESSURES ON AND WITHIN AIRLINE FOR FINAL GO OR NO-
GO DECISION IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.) ROGERS

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